

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The following claim listing replaces all prior listings and versions of the claims:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A casting nozzle for supplying molten alloy liquid from a tundish to a movable mold comprising a pair of rolls arranged at mutually opposing positions so as to turn in mutually opposite directions, for continuous casting, the casting nozzle being fixed to the tundish for storing the molten liquid of magnesium alloy or aluminum alloy,

wherein the casting nozzle comprises a casting nozzle tip having a multilayer structure including a plurality of layers made of different materials comprising first and second heat-conductive layers each made of a material having a heat conductivity equal to or more than 0.2 W/mK, each selected from iron, nickel, titanium, tungsten, molybdenum and alloys including thereof 50% by mass or more, carbon, and a carbon-carbon composite,

wherein the first heat-conductive layer is arranged on an inner circumference of the casting nozzle tip which touches the molten alloy liquid, and the second heat-conductive layer is arranged on a roll side, and

wherein at least one layer of a ceramic fiber sheet of low-thermal conductivity is sandwiched between the first and second heat-conductive layers, comprises at least two layers:

~~a heat-conductive first layer arranged on the molten liquid side so as to be in contact with the molten liquid, comprising a material having a heat conductivity equal to or more than 5 W/mK, and~~

~~a low-thermal conductivity second layer arranged on the movable mold side of said first layer, comprising a material having a heat conductivity less than 0.2 W/mK.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A casting nozzle according to claim 1 ~~[[or 2]]~~, wherein the second heat-conductive layer of the casting nozzle tip ~~arranged on the movable mold side~~ has a high density layer made of a material having a bulk density of 0.7 g/cm^3 or more.

4. (Currently Amended) A casting nozzle according to claim 1, wherein the second heat-conductive layer of the casting nozzle tip ~~arranged on the movable mold side~~ has a high strength layer made of a material having a tensile strength equal to or more than 10 MPa.

5. (Currently Amended) A casting nozzle according to claim 1, wherein the second heat-conductive layer of the casting nozzle tip ~~arranged on the movable mold side~~ has a highly elastic layer made of a material having an elastic modulus equal to or more than 5000 MPa.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A casting nozzle according to claim 1 ~~[[or 2]]~~, wherein the second heat-conductive layer of the casting nozzle tip ~~arranged on the movable mold side~~ has a thickness of 3.0 mm or less.

8. (Currently Amended) A casting nozzle according to claim 1, wherein the first and second highly heat-conductive layer is layers are made of a carbon-containing material, including a material made of carbon.

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